

## ORIGIN OF "COLONEL CARTER"

Hopkinson Smith's Famous Book Had Its Inception in After-Dinner Stories.

I have understood that the way "Colonel Carter" of Cartersville came to be written was this:

Hopkinson Smith was the best raconteur of a formal story I ever heard. I recall that a mutual friend once told me that Hopkinson Smith's stories had changed the tone of stories told at men's dinners in New York. I give the account as it was once given to me.

He had become known as a delightful after-dinner story teller, and presently his stories made so much impression that one day Gilder of the Century Magazine said to him that the stories he told—in the form in which he told them—ought to be preserved, and suggested his writing them for the Century. Out of this grew a paper which was styled, at first, something like "The Colonel's Dinner Table," the colonel being simply a peg to hang his stories on. But before the paper was finished "the colonel" had captured the narrator, and out of it came "Colonel Carter of Cartersville," with "Miss Nancy" and her air of lavender and grace, and all the chivalry and charm of a beautiful picture of the old times in a new setting.—Thomas Nelson Page, in Scribner's Monthly.

## THEIR GARDENS A DELIGHT

Men of the Middle Ages Knew Well the Art of Laying Out Beautiful Grounds.

Statues were a decorative element of which the Florentine garden architect made extensive use. At first a few antique busts were placed along the parapet of the terrace or under the central loggia.

But, ere long, Greek gods and heroes, fawns and naiads were seen at the end of every alley, while giants and caryatides were introduced to support walls and porticoes.

One great charm of Renaissance gardens was the skillful manner in which nature and art were blended together. The formal design of the giardino segreto agreed with the straight lines of the house, and the walls, with their clipped hedges, led on to the wilder, freer growth of woodland and meadow, while the dense shade of the bosco supplied an effective contrast to the sunny spaces of lawn and flower bed.

The ancient practice of cutting box trees into fantastic shapes, known to the Romans as the topiary art, was largely restored in the fifteenth century and became an essential part of Italian gardens.

## TWO INQUIRIES.

She was entertaining her best beau, when her father called from the head of the stairs at 11:30 p. m.: "Jennie, don't you think it about time to go to bed?"

"Yes, papa, dear," she replied.

"What in the world are you doing up so late?"

## HE COULD.

"There's one thing about the automobile—a fellow can't drive it with one hand."

"George can," said Daughter Mabel, with more enthusiasm than discretion.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Patience—You know Clarence was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

Patrice—Is that why he talks through his nose?

## BOUND TO BE HEARD.

Bacon—What do you suppose makes that baby next door cry so loud?

Egbert—Oh, its father is hard of hearing, you know.

## AN ADVANTAGE.

"Doesn't your erratic climate annoy you?"

"Not at all. It enables a man to hang on to his straw hat indefinitely."

## UNKIND.

"Fish is good brain food, which is why I eat it."

"Do you make a specialty of sheephead fish?"

## THE PROOF.

"Can shellfish be taught to do anything?"

"Why not? I've often seen a clam bake dinner."

## MANY NAMES FOR LEMBERG

Lwow, Lwiw, Lwihrad, Lwiherod and Lwiw Among the Cognomens It Has Carried.

Many cities are known by more than one name, but it is given to few to rejoice in more than half a dozen distinctive cognomens. But the historic Galician city of Lemberg has been known at one time or another by no less than twenty-seven different appellations.

According to the Polish Bulletin, the ancient Ruthenian names for Lwow were Lwow, Lwiw, Lwihrad, Lwiherod, Lwiw; the Germans called it Lemberg, Lemberg, Lemburg, Loewenburg; the Latin and pseudo-Latin names include Lemburga, Lamburga, Leontopolis, Leone, Livivia, Leopolda; in the thirteenth century it was known to the Greeks as Lithon and Liffada.

The patriarchs of Constantinople, Alexandria and Jerusalem referred to it as Leovios and Leontopolis; the Turks call it in their books Illi, Ilbo, Ilibot, Ilibow, Ilibadir; the Armenians gave to it the name of Ilof; the Russians have lately baptized it Lwow.

The real name of the city, it is asserted, is the Polish one of Lwow, which literally translated means Lion City.

## COMPLIMENTS



The Dog—I'm happy as a lark; how are you?

The Bird—I'm sick as a dog.

## HIS ADMISSION.

"I wonder what is the matter with my head," remarked Jones, as he rubbed the bruised spot on top of his cranium.

"Oh, nothing unusual, I guess," replied the other half of the combine.

"Merely a soft spot."

"No doubt you are right, my dear," answered Jones. "My friends all said I had one when I married you."

## JUST LIKE A MAN.

Said He—You lived on a ranch for a number of years, I believe.

Said She—Yes.

Said He—Did you like it?

Said She—No, it was too lonesome; there were no neighbors to talk to.

Said He—You mean there were no neighbors to talk about.

## WANTED TO KNOW.

"If I were to offer you two opportunities, one honest and the other dishonest, to make a sum of money, which one would you choose?"

"At which could I make the most?"

## DOGS FOR THE TRENCHES.

A dog breeder in the United States has sold several rat terriers to a syndicate which will send them to the German army to be used in riding trenches of rats.

## SUITABLE ONES.

"What do you suppose mermaids have for pets?"

"I don't know; what have they?"

"Ocean greyhounds and sea pussies."

## MUCH MONEY.

He—What is the difference between a gown and a creation?

She—I can't give you the exact figures, but it's a small fortune.

## TRACING THE SPOIL.

"I found the parlor maid stealing a nap."

"Good gracious! It must have been the new carpet's."

## IN HARD LINES.

"A cynic is always an egotist."

"Not if he's genuine. His only hope of happiness is that someone can convince him he is mistaken."

## WATER SUPPLY FOR EGYPT

Possibility That Underground Streams May Be Made of Use Is a Serious Consideration.

Writing in an Egyptian agricultural journal, Mr. V. M. Mosseri presents evidence to show that an enormous amount of underground water in Egypt, which is both potable and suitable for irrigation, is drained away into the sea during low water, and thus lost to a country that could use it to good advantage in extending summer cultivation and also in supplementing the supply from the Nile in seasons when the latter is deficient. Mr. Mosseri urges that the subterranean water supply be developed, and proposes constructing a network of deep wells parallel to the coast of the Mediterranean, at a distance of about fifty miles from the latter. He estimates that the water drawn from these wells, and that now lost to the sea, would amount to 1,500,000,000 cubic meters during the period from March to August, and that the withdrawal of this water would hardly affect the subterranean flow toward the Nile during low water or the amount required by plants. It is claimed that the cost of this project would not be excessive.—Scientific American.

## RECOVER FROM BAD WOUNDS

Injuries That a Short Time Ago Were Thought Fatal Yield to Modern Surgery.

The case of the soldier who has been lying in a Munich hospital for four months with a bullet in his heart serves to show that there is a possibility of recovery after almost any form of injury. Playwrights and novelists usually make their villains die immediately when pierced through the heart, but hunters have often seen bears and other big game run over a hundred yards after receiving such a wound, and in recent wars several cures of heart wounds have been effected.

When a bullet touches the brain, recovery is not rare, provided that only the outer portion of this organ be injured, and that no large blood vessels be opened. In the Anatomical Museum of Harvard university may be seen a drill, four feet long, which was blown entirely through the brain of a mechanic, from below upward, destroying the sight of one eye, yet the man recovered and subsequently proved capable of earning his living.

## LOOKING FORWARD.

"Has your little son learned to talk yet?"

"Not so we can understand him," answered the proud father. "But we are not discouraged."

"No?"

"If he can conceal what he's thinking about after he learns to talk as successfully as he does now, he'll make a great politician some day."

## NOT ALWAYS COMPLIMENTARY.

"There's no place like home," remarked the sentimental person.

"True," replied the cynic. "And nine out of ten people will agree with you."

"Are you sure?"

"Yes, but it depends on how you say it."

## OF COURSE.

"Belladonna sounds like a feminine name and yet it is the name of a drug."

"It is not unusual for drugs to have feminine names. There's Sal Soda."

## LAST PRIZE.

"Only one chicken out of a setting of thirteen eggs," howled the farmer.

"The booby hatch," suggested the cheerful idiot who was boarding there.

## THE REAL THING.

Little Lemuel—Say, paw, what is the hand of welcome?

Paw—It's the one offered to a strange umbrella on a rainy day, son.

## METHOD IN HER MADNESS.

Mayme—What do you think! Alyce has a stuffed squirrel on her new winter hat.

Edyth—Well, I'm not surprised. I always said she was nutty.

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Foolish Question. Old Party—"Hey, there, boy, who are you throwing stones at?" Young Party (to companion in evil)—"Say, Jimmy, keep up de good work; de old gent don't seem to know when he's hit."

Kindness. No one thing does human life more need than a kind consideration of the faults of others. Everyone sins; everyone needs forbearance. Our own imperfections should teach us to be merciful.—Henry Ward Beecher.